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COMMENTS ON PENDING LEGISLATION

P.L. 763, 83rd Congress (Act of 1 Sept. 1954) abolished the CPC Schedule and provided for conversion of CPC positions to corresponding GS positions. This resulted in lowering the rate of compensation of some positions. A "saving clause" protected incumbents from any decrease in salary. Section 1 of the present bill would entitle new appointees to such positions to the "saved" salary. This seems to defeat the purpose of merging the two schedules.

Section 2 of the present bill is not clearly written, but appears to be an amendment designed solely to accord the language of Sec. 114 of P.L. 763 to the policy expressed above.

Section 3 of the present bill provides longevity step-increases for persons whose salaries are fixed by wage boards, commensurate with the increases now provided for persons employed under the GS schedule. It seems unobjectionable.

25X1A9A Personnel [] advises that 40-50 Agency people were converted from CPC to GS scales, and that in all cases this resulted in a salary increase, so that the "saving clause" was not used. About 700 Agency employees are under wage boards.

Nothing in this bill would present unusual problems for the Agency. We might wish to oppose the new "saving clause", on the basis that it is a step away from the simplification of Government salary grades and practices.

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